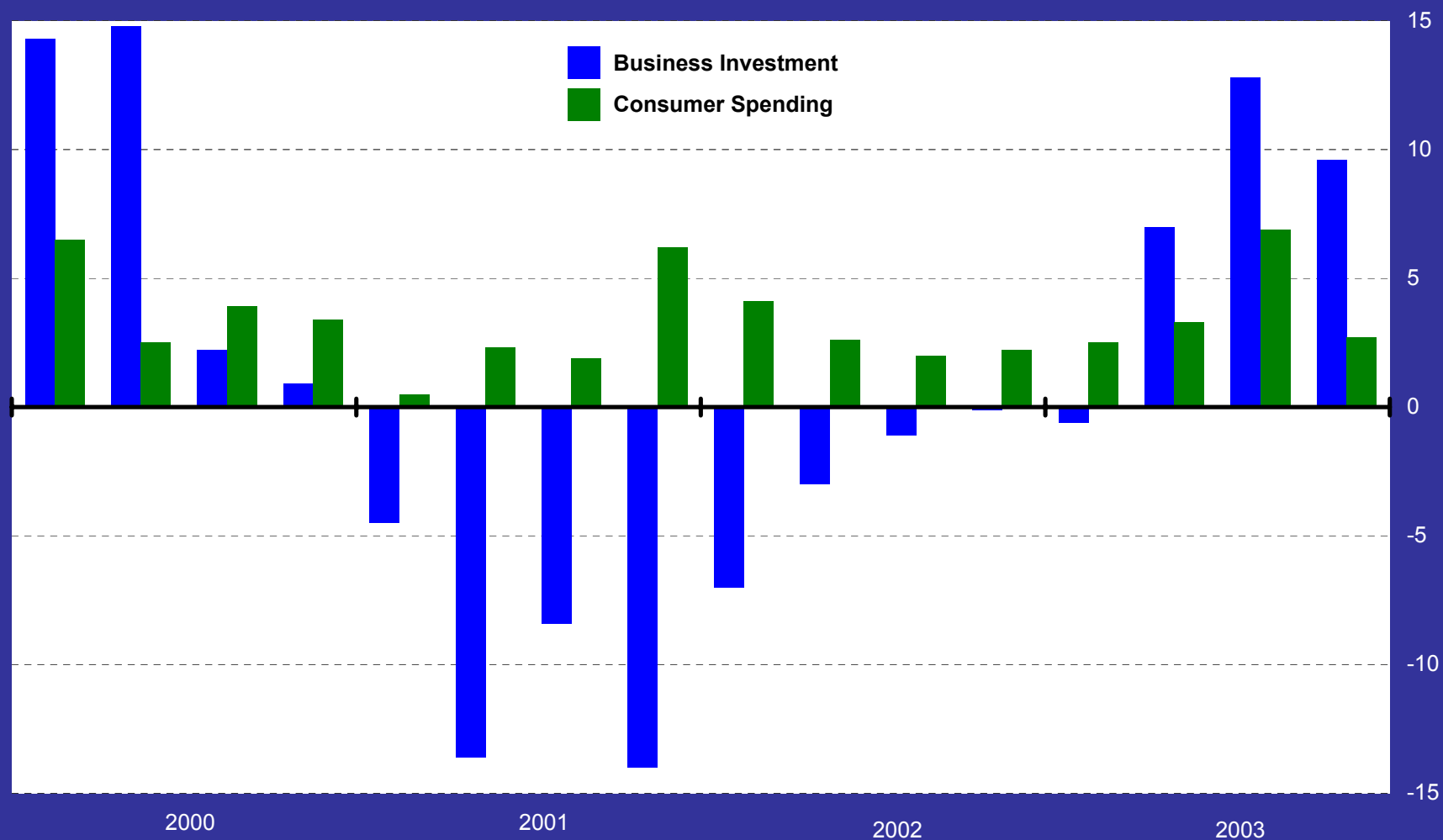


Consumer Spending Strong and Business Investment Rebounding

(Fixed private non-residential investment, personal consumption expenditure, % change annual rate)



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